

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER
JANUARY 27, 2006**

The Common Council of the City of Jasper, Indiana, met in special session on Friday, January 27, 2006 in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street, pursuant to the call of the Mayor and notice given to the media.

Call to Order.

Presiding Officer Mayor William J. Schmitt called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Roll Call.

Mayor William J. Schmitt	Present
Councilmembers	
John Schroeder	Present
Bradley Seger	Present
Thomas Schmidt	Present
Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter	Present
Renee Kabrick	Absent
Randall Buchta	Present
Raymond Howard	Present
City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein	Present
Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm	Present

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm announced that in order to have a quorum for the meeting, a majority of the members of the legislative body must be in attendance. Six of the seven Council members were in attendance, which constitutes a majority; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

Also present was Financial Coordinator Sharon Sander.

Pledge. Mayor Schmitt then invited those present to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Purpose. Mayor Schmitt stated that the purpose of the special meeting was to review the 2006 budget and tax rate after receipt of the 1782 notice.

Business. At the July 26, 2005 special meeting where the 2006 proposed budget was discussed, the following motion was passed 'to advertise the 2006 budget using a 4% maximum levy growth factor but before the budget process is finalized the council members revisit the City's actual growth factor'. Clerk Treasurer Juanita Boehm said the City received its 1782 notice which contains such information and if the City wants to make any final changes to the 2006 budget, now is the time to do so.

Financial Coordinator Sharon Sander supplied copies of the part of the 1782 notice that contained the assessed value, tax rate, and tax levy. Sander reported that the 2005 payable in 2006 assessed value is \$920,057,930 and the tax levy is \$5,540,589 thus generating a tax rate of .6022.

Sander compared that information to the previous year's information, 2004 payable in 2005. The previous year's information was as follows: \$863,406,040 assessed value, \$5,268,504 tax levy, and .6102 for the tax rate.

Sander reminded council members that the inventory assessed value will be eliminated beginning March 1, 2006.

Thereafter, a **motion** was made by Council member Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter and seconded by Council member Thomas Schmidt to accept and approve the tax rate of .6022. Motion carried 6-0.

Adjournment. There being no further business to come before the board, a **motion** was made by Council member Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Council member Raymond Howard to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 6-0 and the special meeting adjourned at 8:13 a.m.

**William J. Schmitt, Mayor
Presiding Officer**

ATTEST:

Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer